(c) and (d) Out of a total of 177 consequential train accidents during the year 2008-09, 24 were inquired into by the Commission of Railway Safety, an independent organization under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, and the balance 153 were inquired by the Departmental Committees. Each inquiry establishes the cause and the responsibility. Recommendations/findings of the Commission of Railway Safety and the Departmental Committees are examined by the concerned Departments of Indian Railways for compliance if feasible, and disciplinary action is taken against the defaulting staff. On the basis of inquiries finalized during the year 2008-09, major penalty has been awarded to 61 and minor penalty has been awarded to 171 defaulting staff.

'Duronto train' reaching destinations before time

1795. SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN:
SHRI MANGALA KISAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recently introduced Duronto trains are reaching destinations before schedule;

(b) if so, how they are making it possible; and

(c) whether these trains are running as per schedule at the cost of other trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) and (b) Duronto trains are superfast, non-stop run through trains. While framing the time table, normally some recovery time is allowed between major junctions to offset delays on account of unforeseen contingencies. When delay on run is less than the recovery time permitted in the Time Table, the trains arrive at the junction stations before schedule. As Duronto trains are scheduled to run non-stop, from end-to end, the time gained while traversing several junctions en-route gets accumulated and sometimes results in Duronto trains arriving destinations before schedule.

(c) No, Sir.

Completion of Anand Vihar railway station

1796. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Anand Vihar railway station in Delhi is nearing completion;

(b) if so, what would be the capacity of this station; and

(c) the advantages that would accrue from this station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railway Station includes station building, three high level platforms and other maintenance facilities.

(c) In view of ever increasing passenger traffic, a modern railway terminal has been developed at the periphery of national capital region to de-congest New Delhi, Delhi, Hazrat

Nizamuddin Stations. The terminals is also well integrated with inter-state bus terminal as well as Delhi Metro Railway Corporation.

Recommendations of Security Review Committee

†1797. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of train accidents happen due to negligence of railway employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether her Ministry is concentrating on other things instead of increasing the efficiency of its personnel; and

(d) the view of her Ministry on the recommendations of Railway Security Review Committee constituted in 1998?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) and (b) Out of a total of 177 consequential train accidents in the year 2008-09, 73 such accidents were caused due to failure of railway staff. In the current year from April to 15th November 2009, out of 93 consequential train accidents, 40 were attributed to failure of railway staff.

(c) No, Sir. In addition to measures taken to improve the efficiency of staff by way of emphasis to training including induction, promotional and in-service refresher courses, steps have been taken for adoption of suitable modern technologies for up-gradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signalling and interlocking systems, to further enhance the efficiency.

(d) Railway Safety Review Committee was constituted in the year 1998 under the Chairmanship of Justice H.R. Khanna to review the implementation of the recommendations of all previous accident inquiry committees, to examine the adequacy of existing organization and practices for safe running of trains and to suggest safety measures, etc. The Committee in its report made 278 recommendations on various aspects of working of Indian Railways, out of which 239 were fully/partially accepted by the Ministry of Railways. Out of 239 accepted recommendations, 208 have already been implemented and the balance 31 recommendations are under various stages of implementation. 39 recommendations of the Committee related to retirement age, allowances, educational qualifications for recruitment, amendment to Trade Union Act, reduction of staff strength, stopping appointments on compassionate grounds to safety category posts, etc. were not found feasible for acceptance.

Electrification of Jaipur-Phulera, Jaipur-Dausa sections, etc.

†1798. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.